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Strong quake shakes Mexico, breaks bridge

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A strong 6.4-magnitude earthquake rattled Mexico yesterday, causing a bridge to collapse in the south and sending people fleeing into the capital's streets as buildings swayed.

Mexico City, a megapolis of 20 million people, escaped major damage and injuries as residents evacuated homes and offices.

Hundreds of tourists calmly left their hotels in the Pacific resort of Acapulco and returned after a few minutes.

But a large chunk of a road's bridge collapsed in Tecpan de Galeana, near the epicenter of the earthquake in southern Guerrero state, according to a picture posted by the state's public safety agency on Twitter.

Guerrero state authorities were reviewing the region's infrastructure for any damage. None was reported in the state cap-



Firefighters cut apart a fallen tree that took down power lines and landed on a car

ital, Chilpancingo.

The US Geological Survey said the quake was centered 15 kilometers (eight miles) north of Tecpan de Galeana and 277 kilometers (172 miles) southwest of Mexico City.

The earthquake had a depth of 23 kilometers. The USGS initially measured it at a magnitude of 6.8 before revising it down.

As the earth shook, Finance Minister Luis Videgaray was delivering a speech and stopped mid sentence. "If it's alright with you, we will take a break because it is shaking," Videgaray calmly told the audience.

Mexico's National Seismology Service reported at least two aftershocks of 5.1 and 4.9 magnitude. The US Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said there was no widespread threat of destructive waves.

The Netherlands princess urges Australia to avoid microplastic

SIDNEY -- A global campaign, led by HRH Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands to make consumers more aware of the increasing threat from so-called micro-plastics used in products such as body scrubs and household cleaning materials, has made its way to Sydney.

"This is an unnecessary and avoidable source of micro-plastics," said Princess Laurentien, who was also the president of the global environment group, Fauna & Flora International. "If you have natural alternatives, it's just commonsense to use something different."

Princess Laurentien said micro-plastics were adding to human-inflicted damage on the oceans, including overfishing, that was costing the world at least \$215 billion a year in lost production. "If nature or human health is not a motivating factor, let economics be the motivating factor" to turn the tide, she said.



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Oklahoma halts all executions for six months

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Oklahoma's top appeals court agreed yesterday to halt all executions in the state for six months, after a botched lethal injection last month triggered accusations of torture. The attorney general's office backed the decision, saying in a filing that "the state will not object to a 180-day stay to allow completion of (Oklahoma Public Safety Department) Commissioner Michael C. Thompson's investigation."

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LOCAL NEWS

Expectations are high for Soul Beach Music Festival 2014



ORANJESTAD -- "I am very pleased with this year's Soul Beach Music Festival" stated Minister of Tourism, Transport, Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber, after meeting with the producer Mark Adkins. Adkins and staffers are on island ironing out last minute details. The minister indicated he was particularly pleased with how the festival has stimulated attendees to patronize and discover the diversity of island resorts such as Marriott, Renaissance, Divi Properties, Hyatt and others that are supporting the event. The SBMF presents the island very positively as an ideal destination. It also promotes it widely through several important markets in the U.S., via various media and with exciting promotions and giveaways.

"The festival is definitely and added value," continued Min-

ister Oduber. "It guarantees at least 4000 to 5000 visitors to the island. Also, it gives the local community the privilege of enjoying the performances of famous international artists, such as Robin Thicke, Ashanti, Baby Face and more. The importance of the exposure it affords Aruba worldwide is beyond measure."

During the meeting with the minister, Chido Rasmijn comment that the Soul Beach Music Festival has that perfect balance of "Old School" music genres and what now appeals to a new generation. "The festival has been an asset to Aruba for many years now, aside from the musical experience it has brought countless visitors who spent their money on Aruba. This benefits many sectors economically, boosting revenues for stores and taxi drivers, who are very happy with the infu-

sion to their livelihood during what would be a rather slow time. The event also brings quite a few celebrities and important people who prefer to travel incognito to simply enjoy the event and Aruba.

Mark Adkins fully comprehends the benefits the Soul Beach Music Festivals have provided for the island. It is a very exciting time for islanders when these world class artists visit, and also helps to boost occupancy at the various resorts that participate, and there is a 15% increase over the normal tourist numbers during the week of the festival. The infusion to the local economy is around ten million dollars due to the event. He also pointed out the festival attracts several new visitors who experience Aruba for the first time, only to become fanatically dedicated to the island. These are visitors with a disposable income that allows them to Not only return for the festival, but purchase time-shares and often return regularly during other times of the year.

Central Bank could be closer to the community

Important Presentation given to President of the Parliament Marisol Lopez Tromp

Oranjestad, Aruba: The president of the Parliament, Marisol Lopez Tromp, was at the Central Bank of Aruba in which she was invited to receive a presentation during her visit. This was her first visit as President of the Parliament and was heartily welcomed. The presentation dealt with the vision of the economical development of Aruba. The presentation was broad and with many information that could be used for future projects.

There were many vital information about employment. Summary of this meeting, Central Bank was requested to present similar presentation for the Parliament of Aruba, in which the community can be informed of the economical state of our island.

It is important for the Parliament of Aruba to receive regular information in which can help for several debates. The community can also be informed of the role of the Central Bank in which they advise the Minister of Economy on different economic aspects. In conclusion, the reunion went very well in which not only figure was at focus, but also the economic effect on the lifestyle of our community.

Pamper Mom this Sunday at The Blue Lobster

It is again time to plan a fabulous day to demonstrate our love for the most important person in our life, our beloved mother.

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On the menu: Lobster Thermidor, Lobster Linguini/ Lobster Shrimp and Grouper/ Lobster Bisque; a tremendous lobster cream that is categorized by many tourists and islanders as the best bisque on Aruba. Besides offering this menu, at a special Mother's Day price, all mothers and their companions can enjoy local cuisine at a very nice price. Moms will receive a FREE glass of sangria prepared especially for this day.

To top it off, The Blue Lobster will raffle several Mother's Day prizes, such as cellular phone and gift certificates. All moms can participate in a raffle to win return ticket to Curacao. All this in an entertaining ambiance while being serenaded.

The Queen of the House will also receive some very nice souvenirs, like a Blue Lobster beach bag, Blue Lobster pen and car stickers.

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LOCAL NEWS

Aruba Aloe Balm N.V.: "the oldest startup" on the island



Managing Director Joshua Posner with Astrid and Magda

HATO- As Aruba's government and chamber of commerce encourage local entrepreneurs toward innovation and creative thinking, they would do well to look to one of the oldest companies on Aruba, which is continually growing and changing with the times, Aruba Aloe Balm N.V.

Taking the helm from his father, Louis Posner, who purchased the company in 2000, Managing Director Joshua Posner likes to call it "the oldest startup on Aruba," as the company adapts to the times in its production and marketing practices.

The company was originally founded in 1890 by Cornelius Eman, who extracted the aloe hard gum from the plant and exported the raw materials for other companies to process into skin products. His son, Casey, had the ambitious idea of processing the aloe latex locally, and opened his new factory in Sabana Blanco in 1951. He produced around 7500 kilos of Aloin, which was 30% of the world's entire production of aloe balm. In 1968 his brother continued the business, shifting the focus to cosmetic products such as Aloe Vera Gel and Alomucin. His research and for-

mulas were groundbreaking; introducing such products to not only Aruba, but the U.S.

In 1984, prior to becoming Aruba's first prime minister, Cornelius' great-grandson, Henny Eman, purchased the company and "modernized it dramatically." He put Dr. Koos Veel in charge of research and development and recruited one of the world's most respected pharmaceutical technicians, Dr. Hans Junginger, as Senior Scientific Advisor. Together, they developed an inventory of greater diversity and quality. "Without Koos, there would be no Aruba Aloe," admits Joshua.

When Louis Posner took over, he built a state of the art factory adjacent to the original aloe fields, which has an attractive and informative museum attached as well as their first dedicated retail store. Through the years and continuing with Joshua, whatever ideas and vision might differentiate each of these company heads, they all had one thing in common, great faith in their product and the unique qualities of their aloe based line.

Aruba Aloe Balm N.V. has grown exponentially since the Posners took the helm. They smartly looked to increasing the inventory and repackaging in sleek, attractive containers. They pulled their line from all the supermarkets, drugstores and mini-marts to open their own elegant retail stores in high traffic areas and collaborated with De Wit, which has sundry stores in nearly every resort. They now have twelve stores on Aruba, two in St. Maarten, and are looking to open shops in the Puerto Rico and Holland.

Their energetic marketing department launched an attractive website, <http://www.arubaaloe.com/> opening the door to what is a prime objective of the government and economic experts, a viable export business for Aruba. Joshua reports they process 700 to 900 orders month. They will be launching a new European website serving over 20 countries this summer.

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Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the public finances

Oranjestad - The Aruba Chamber of Commerce and Industry is quite concerned about the situation of the public finance and the running cost of the government, especially now with the ongoing negotiation with the syndicate that represents the public servants.

The Chamber is in agreement with the plan of the government to raise the age of retirement of public employees to 65 years, the same for the private sector. It should take effect in the same manner, where the Social Security eligibility will rise in increments starting in 2015 through 2024. In this manner, when a public employee departs with their government job, they will then be able to begin with their social security benefits.

KvK fully understands the need for the government to restructure the civil workers pension fund, (APFA) Presently, the employers' contribution is unsustainable. As it exists, for every Aruban florin of salary, the government must donate more than .30 cents; this cannot continue. For comparison, in the private sectors, Aruba now has a regulation requiring contributions for an obligatory pension, where for each florin of salary the employer and employee each pay 3%. This is above and beyond the combined premium of 14.5% that is the combined contribution for social security from both employer and employee.

The large amount that the government uses to pay the extra premium to benefit the public servants comes from the tax fund to which every citizen contributes. It is logical that the pension fund system must be changed, which makes it less attractive for the public servant, because either he earns less or he must pay a higher premium.

What the Chamber of Commerce doesn't agree with is that for the public servants must get a reward by means of the "indexing". Hypothetically, the government financial situation is so alarming that an increase by means of the indexing clause in their contract, means it must borrow more money to meet this obligation. It is an imperative at this to lower the government expenses, especially the public servants' salary. Despite that, the government must borrow a considerable amount which can be between 300 to 400 million Aruban florins.

The indexing also represents an ever increasing public debt. We must not forget, as was illustrated in the presentation of last April 15, during the Annual KvK Business Dinner, the government is operating with a 140 million payroll since 2009. They have 7500 civil servants collecting monthly, with indications of an extra 18,000 florins accruing annually, per person, directly out of the government coffers.

It is very important to share our benefits in a reasonable way. Additionally, we are under the scrutiny of international interests that are charged with evaluating our economic and financial situation. Because of this, it is imperative not to send the wrong signals, creating the impression that 'there is more to come.' If the government's main problem is to lower personnel expenses, it is simply illogical to continue to increase it.

Mother's Day

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- * **Prime Rib**
served with a sauce of fresh mushroom sautéed with green and shallot onion on top
- * **Golden Platter**
savory a platter of scallop, fried squid and spicy shrimps
- * **Fresh Catch of the day**
served with seafood on top

All entrees are served with green beans almondine, Chef's style plantain, rice or loaded potato

SWEET MAMI DESSERT:
served with coffee or tea

STARTERS: (choose one)

- * **Shrimps Cocktail**
- * **Fried Calamari**
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Aruba Aloe Balm N.V.: “the oldest startup” ... Continued



Very much in keeping with the mindset of the 21st century, they switched to using recycled plastic for all their packaging.

Aside from the inventory of hair, skin, sun and after sun products, the collaboration with Dr. Junginger resulted in a medical strength, hypoallergenic burn balm called “Alhydran,” which European burn wards have tested and deemed nothing less than “miraculous” in speeding healing and eliminating ugly scar tissue. This year, they came out with an SPF 50 sun block and a new foot balm.

The company is expanding, with plans to vastly enlarge the fields to meet the demand, and build new warehouses and offices. They now have a staff of 56 and are seeking to increase it to 70. With all the talk on the island of innovation and competitiveness, Aruba Aloe Balm N.V. has been somewhat ignored, which is just fine with them. “What we focus on every day is just

doing our job; if people are paying attention or not, we don't really care about that,” explains Joshua. “We just want to go out and execute it, and work towards our vision and goals.”

Their Hato headquarters does showcase a vital part of Aruban economic history, and has been visited by the then Queen Beatrix and HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima.

Aruba Aloe Balm is also an excellent model for those wishing to invest in a new business, perhaps not producing aloe based skin creams, but looking to what other resources Aruba may have that would create a unique product. The production of a successful export product would likely receive great encouragement and cooperation from the right ministries. Such ventures also offer alternative career choices from tourism for island youth, with job training and attaining useful work skills providing “added value.”

Mind Your Eye Conference in Aruba May 31, 2014



Major Neill Franklin



Dr. Ethan Nadelmann



Dr. Marsha Rosenbaum



Pien Metaal, MA

ORANJESTAD -- HW Training & Development Associates has been very successful in organizing the annual international conference called “Mind Your Eye”, about crime reduction and crime prevention for the private sector as for government departments. The organizing team of the Mind Your Eye conference has succeeded in attracting powerful international and local speakers in the past years. This year the Mind Your Eye conference team in cooperation with Drug Policy Alliance will organize its fourth annual International Mind Your Eye conference in Aruba. The conference is scheduled to be held on May 31st, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba. This year the Mind Your Eye Conference will focus on:

The impact the drug problem has on your business and your country (we can see the daily drug problem on the street) and an alternative view to deal with the drug problem. For those interested in promoting a more rational input in their business or in the government this conference will be an important instrument.

The international guest speakers for this year's Mind Your Eye conference are Major Neill Franklin who is executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), an international organization made up of current and former members of the law enforcement and criminal justice communities who are speaking out about the failures of our existing drug policies. Major Franklin is a 34-year veteran of the Maryland state police and Baltimore police department. Dr. Ethan Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, a New York City-based nonprofit organization working to end the War on Drugs.

He holds a BA, GD, a Ph.D. from Harvard University, and a master's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics. He taught politics and public affairs at Princeton University. Pien Metaal, MA is a researcher at TNI, Trans National Institute, a worldwide fellowship of scholar activists based in Amsterdam. She holds a Master of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Amsterdam. She currently coordinates the Latin America project of the TNI's Drugs and Democracy programme.

Dr. Marsha Rosenbaum received her doctorate in medical sociology at the University of California, San Francisco, in 1979. From 1977 to 1995 she was principal investigator at the National Institute on Drug Abuse and later director of Drug Policy Alliance in San Francisco. She has published numerous books, booklets and articles. She is a long time government-funded drug researcher who then became a leading expert and proponent of a reality-based approach to teens and drugs. Her “Safety First” booklet has been translated into over a dozen languages and won the endorsement of the California Parents-Teachers Association (PTA). And she has spoken to hundreds of audiences around the US and abroad about teenagers and drugs.

Mind Your Eye Conference 2014 will convene government officials, business leaders, physicians, policy makers, lawyers, economists, social workers, security managers, human resources managers, police and judicial system professionals to discuss key issues as facing the war against drug has failed. For more information about the conference visit www.mindyoureye.info



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| Third installment | September 30, 2014 | 25% of the total amount to cover the 3rd quarter (Jul-Sept) |
| Fourth installment (last installment) | December 31, 2014 | 25% of the total amount to cover the last quarter (Oct-Dec) |

The Land Tax 2014 must be completely paid per December 31, 2014

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Tax Department announces that the Land tax billings 2014 have been sent out. All property owners should receive their billings via post and the first collection day is May 31, 2014. As usual, clients can pay the tax in full at once, or in four installments.

The Aruba Tax Department advises everyone to read carefully the printed text on the bill, so they are sure to know what kind of tax they are paying. All clients should receive their Land Tax bills no later than May

31, 2014. If you have not, you should go immediately to the main Tax Offices and ask for a duplicate. When requesting a duplicate you must show a valid identification, either an ID card, passport or driving license. Clients who cannot pay their installments in the legal pay tem, can petition for a payment arrangement.

The petition must be done as soon as possible to avoid extra costs due to late payment.

Graphic above shows the schedule of payment installment stipulated by law.

UB librarian Fred Stoss receives green education award from the National Library of Aruba



ORANJESTAD -- Environmentalist Frederick Stoss, associate librarian and subject specialist for biological and environmental sciences and mathematics at the University at Buffalo, has received the first Friend of the Biblioteca Nacional Aruba (BNA, National Library of Aruba) Award for his work with the BNA in green education programming and for helping to create the library's Caribbean Energy, Environmental, and Sustainability Program.

The award was made at the third annual Green Education Symposium Aruba, held April 7-11 at Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad, Aruba, and attended by more than 2,700 students and

experts in many aspects of ecological science and sustainability.

The theme of this year's symposium, "Sustainable Food Supply," addressed students' concerns about nutrition, health, sustainable production and recycling. This year, Aruba imported virtually all of its food.

Stoss has been a dedicated environmental researcher and advocate since his student days. He holds degrees in biology, zoology and information studies, has conducted a decade of research in toxicology and environmental health, and has dedicated his professional life to sustainability research and environmental advocacy.

Paseo Herencia dedicates this weekend to all mothers

NOORD -- The entire coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11, Paseo Herencia has dubbed their "Mother's Day Shopping Weekend". Almost all of their more than 40 shops and restaurants are offering special deals and discounts. Fathers and children have to option of selecting beautiful gifts mothers will love from a diversity of stores, as well as taking her out for a special lunch or dinner at one of several in house restaurants: TGI Friday's, Scala, Le Bistro, Pizzo's, Iguana Cantina, CHE Bar and Cheo's Corner.

The latest styles in garments, accessories and jewelry can be found at shops such as Kapricho, YOLO, Pandora, Mario Hernandez, Tous, Baci da Roma, Hunkemöller, Little Switzerland and more.

If you are clueless as to what to get for you deserving mother, there is always the option of a Paseo Herencia Gift Certificate starting at 25 Aruban florins to 100 AWG, which can be used at any of the malls shops or restaurants. The can be purchased at the parking cashier's window.

This Mother's Day, Paseo Herencia presents a very special night for all mothers on Aruba. Owner and beloved island baritone Edjean Semeleer will be performing in the Plaza Padu. This special night begins at 7:30 PM; enjoy a very pleasant evening with mom at any of the fine restaurants surrounding the plaza.

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WORLD NEWS

Boston marathon bomb suspect challenges death penalty

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Lawyers for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev have asked a US court to rule out capital punishment for their client, after last month's botched execution of a US inmate.

In documents filed late Wednesday, Tsarnaev's legal team asked the judge to take the death penalty off the table in the federal capital murder case against Tsarnaev, accused in twin bombings that killed three people and injured 264 in April of last year.

"The defense... requests that the court strike the death penalty as a possible punishment," the lawyers wrote.

Their petition invoked "mounting evidence that innocent people have actually been executed in recent years in the United States."

The defense lawyers also cited "public and worldwide revulsion over the recurring spectacle of botched executions" -- including one in Oklahoma on April 29 that left a convicted killer writhing in agony after the state administered an untested lethal injection protocol.

Tsarnaev's attorneys in their court filing also cited the "nearly total (and increasing) isolation of the United States as an executing nation among the democratic countries of the world."

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his older brother Tamerlan allegedly carried out the attack near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, using pressure-cooker bombs hidden in their backpacks.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, was shot by police days after the bombings during an extensive manhunt.

Dzhokhar, 20, was wounded but taken alive and now is awaiting trial on 30 federal charges.



US steps up sanctions against Syrian regime

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States stepped up pressure yesterday against Syria's government, slapping sanctions on senior Syrian officials, a Russian bank and state-owned oil refineries.

The sanctions target six senior officials of the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, including his strategic affairs adviser, Brigadier General Bassam al-Hassan, the US Treasury Department said in a statement.

Moscow-based Tempbank and Mikhail Gagloev, a senior executive of the bank, were targeted for providing millions of dollars in cash and financial services to the Syrian government, including the central bank and SYTROL, Syria's state oil marketing firm.

The Baniyas Refinery Company and the Homs Refinery Company were identified for sanctions as part of the Syrian government.

"Today's designation builds on Treasury's ongoing efforts to apply economic pressure on the Syrian government by choking off access to the international financial system," said David Cohen, Treasury's under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, in the statement.

"We are committed to deterring those who contribute to violence and instability in Syria, and will continue to aggressively target individuals and entities supporting the Assad regime."

The sanctions forbid US citizens or businesses from transactions with them and freezes any assets they may have in a US jurisdiction.

The United States now has imposed sanctions on nearly 200 individuals and entities since unrest began in Syria three years ago as rebels attempted to oust the Assad regime.

ANC gets 'overwhelming mandate' from South African voters

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - South Africans have voted resoundingly to extend the ANC's 20-year rule, ignoring leadership scandals and economic malaise in a wholesale display of loyalty to the party once led by Nelson Mandela.

With about three-quarters of ballots counted, the ANC had garnered a thumping 63 percent of the popular vote, spelling a parliamentary majority big enough to hand embattled President Jacob Zuma a second five-year term.

ANC spokesman Jackson Mthembu said the 102-year-old party -- which has held power since helping to end apartheid in 1994 -- would ultimately receive "an overwhelming mandate" from voters.

Discover authentic Aruban cuisine at The Queen's

Enjoy a true taste of Aruba without having to travel in the charming surroundings of The Queen's Restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. Your host, Varella Innocencia has brought her very popular Oranjestad eatery to Palm Beach, showcasing authentic local cuisine only a short walk away from the major resorts.

The "hipper" and elegant new digs offer beautiful views, but Mama Lusía's magical touch in the kitchen is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations.

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Lusía's delectable salsa eriollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena - "Filled Cheese."



Keshi Yena or Filled Cheese

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana husa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.the-queen-saruba.com/>.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining. telf. 5860606.



ISRAEL, NEGEV DESERT : Israeli watch water flooding through the Nahal Zin valley in the Arabah desert following heavy rainfall across Israel, including in the southern Israeli Negev desert area, on May 8, 2014. Stormy weather, including high winds and heavy rainfall, lashed Israel and the Palestinian territories. (AFP PHOTO)

WORLD NEWS

Venezuela police detain 243, dismantle protest camps

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan authorities demolished four protest camps and detained 243 people early yesterday, striking at the remaining bastions of a months-long and at times deadly anti-government protest movement.

Riot police swept through the camps in surprise raids that began at 3 pm, Minister Miguel Rodriguez Torres said, claiming the sites occupied by students were "being used by more violent groups to commit terrorist acts."

He said 243 people were apprehended and would now be questioned to determine whether they should be prosecuted.

Lawyer and human rights activist Elenis Rodriguez said "very few young people were able to escape the onslaught."

At least 41 people have died and more than 700 have been injured since students and other opponents of the government took to the country's streets in February to protest rampant crime, runaway inflation and shortages of basic goods.

Over the past month, the protest movement has largely been concentrated in Occupy-style encampments in Caracas, with the main one set up opposite the office of the United Nations Development Program in an upscale part of town.

That site -- which consisted of hundreds of tents and blocked three of six lanes of a major thoroughfare -- was left in shambles by the raid.

Rodriguez Torres said police seized drugs, weapons, explosives, mortars, grenades and gas canisters during the raids -- "everything you would use to confront the security forces on a daily basis."

Forensic teams have been sent to the sites "to collect all the evidence and present it in court in order to prosecute all those that should be prosecuted," the minister added.

Student leader Juan Requesens vowed the demonstrations would continue despite the pre-dawn raid and detentions.

"The students will pursue their fight for rights," he said.

- Key hearing delayed -

The police action came just hours before an announcement that a hearing for jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, set for yesterday, had been postponed.

"The tribunal has deferred the preliminary hearing for Leopoldo Lopez, who has again been transferred to the Ramo Verde military prison," said a statement from Lopez's Popular Will party.

The announcement did not specify a new court date.

"What are they afraid of? Of the truth? They know I should be freed," the party, via Twitter, quoted Lopez as saying.

The Harvard-educated economist has been in custody at a military jail since February 18 for allegedly inciting deadly violence during the anti-government protests. He was arrested in the midst of a massive opposition rally.

The arrests of Lopez and other opposition leaders have stoked the demonstrations, and their release was one of the conditions set by the opposition in talks aimed at ending the crisis.

The talks have suffered stops and starts since they began, with some sessions postponed at the last minute.

Russia orders Ukraine to pre-pay for gas

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia ordered crisis-hit Ukraine yesterday to pay upfront for all its future natural gas deliveries because of billions of dollars in outstanding debts.

The largely-anticipated announcement imperils supplies to a large swathe of the European Union because nearly 15 percent of all Russian gas consumed by the 28-nation bloc transits through Ukraine.

Ukraine has refused to meet the deadline in protest over Russia's decision to nearly double the price it charges its neighbour for gas imports following the February overthrow of a Kremlin-backed regime in Kiev.

Russia's energy ministry said Ukraine had missed a Wednesday deadline to pay debts worth \$3.5 billion and that all gas sent to the ex-Soviet state starting June 1 will have to be paid in advance.

"Russia is introducing a pre-payment regime for gas deliveries to Ukraine," Energy Minister Alexander Novak said in a statement.

Novak noted that President Vladimir Putin had last month warned in a letter to 18 EU nations that Russia would require Ukraine to make pre-payments unless Europe helped cover its debt to Moscow's government-run natural gas giant Gazprom.

"Russia can no longer -- and must not -- be the only one carrying the burden of supporting the Ukrainian economy, offering it discounts for gas and forgiving debts," said Novak.

The energy minister said Russia had "through its subsidies been effectively covering the deficit in Ukraine's trade with EU member states."

Nigeria says girls kidnap a turning point in Boko Haram conflict

ABUJA (AFP) - Nigeria's president said yesterday that Boko Haram's mass abduction of more than 200 schoolgirls would mark a turning point in the battle against the Islamists, as world powers joined the search to rescue the hostages.

President Goodluck Jonathan's administration has struggled to contain Boko Haram's bloody five-year uprising and experts have questioned whether Nigeria can end the violence without help.

"I believe that the kidnap of these girls will be the beginning of the end of terror in Nigeria," Jonathan told delegates at the World Economic Forum, thanking Britain, China, France and the United States for their offers of help to rescue the hostages.

The four world powers have pledged varying levels of assistance to track down the girls whose April 14 mass abduction from a school in Chibok in northeastern Borno state has sparked global outrage.

Jonathan's comments echoed those of US President Barack Obama earlier in the week.

Obama said the Chibok kidnappings "may be the event that helps to mobilise the entire international community to finally do something against this horrendous organisation".

The abductions have also led to a growing social media campaign with the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls joined by public figures and celebrities.

Most of the insurgents' recent attacks have targeted the remote and impoverished northeast, but two car bombings on the outskirts of the capital Abuja in the last month underscored the grave threat the Islamists pose.

Jonathan had hoped that the World Economic Forum would highlight Nigeria's economic progress and its recent emergence as Africa's top economy, but headlines have remained focused on Boko Haram.

Washington plans to send a team of military personnel as well as specialists from the Justice Department and the FBI, US officials said.

Britain said it will send experts in planning and coordination, France has offered a specialist team, while China said it would provide intel-



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HEALTH & LIVING

CARPHA and CTO Launch

Tourism and Health Programme in the Region

Trinidad and Tobago -- Closures of hotels and cruise ports due to outbreaks of communicable diseases, environmental challenges like climate change, and poor health and wellness in the tourism workforce, can result in significant losses in revenue. These were the major catalysts for the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) partnering to address issues affecting health and tourism in the Caribbean region.

During CARPHA's Health Research Conference in Aruba, last Friday, CARPHA and CTO launched its innovative Regional Tourism and Health Programme geared at strengthening the links between tourism, health and environment for more resilient and sustainable tourism in the Caribbean.

Minister of Tourism of Antigua and Barbuda, John Maginley, a long standing champion in the Region for the establishment of this Programme and one of the first to invest seed funding, delivered the keynote address at the launch meeting. Minister Maginley recalled hotel experiences in which millions of dollars in revenue were lost because of food-borne illnesses and other health problems. He said negative events can cripple the Region's tourism industry and recognized the need for training, standards and clear regional protocols to protect the industry. Minister Maginley believes that this Programme will change the way the Caribbean moves forward with tourism and will create a new brand awareness.

Premier and Minister of Tourism of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Dr. Rufus Ewing, said that tourism is the mainstay of many of the economies of Caribbean nations and contributes to more than 50 per cent of their gross domestic product (GDP). However, he also pointed out that the tourism industry is constantly under threat as the speed and frequency of travel from other regions bring new and emerging diseases and he described recent first-hand experiences with norovirus outbreaks on cruise ships that spread to the resident population. He explained that an adverse event on one island



Photo from L - R: John Maginley - Minister of Tourism, Antigua & Barbuda; Gail Henry - Sustainable Tourism Product Specialist, CTO; Dr. Lisa Indar - Tourism and Health Programme Coordinator, CARPHA; Dr. C. James Hospedales - Executive Director, CARPHA; Maribelle Tromp - National Epidemiologist, Aruba; Dr. Rufus Ewing - Premier and Minister of Tourism, Turks and Caicos Islands

in the Caribbean is generalized in international forums, as being the Caribbean as a whole, and in turn negatively impacts the tourism industry of all islands. Dr. Ewing added that along with an increasing number of violent crimes and reduced safety of visitors and residents alike, collaborative action becomes critical, if the Region is to achieve a profitable and sustainable tourism industry.

Executive Director, CARPHA, Dr. C. James Hospedales, noted that outbreaks of food and water-borne diseases may be the most common health problem in visitors with major negative economic impact. He said "in the early 2000's, within a five-year period, losses of over US\$250 million were estimated to have occurred in the Caribbean tourism industry due to preventable outbreaks."

Further, Dr. Hospedales spoke of major environmental challenges including beach water quality. He said hotels and tourism facilities face challenges of water and energy conservation to reduce carbon footprints, not to mention the overarching threat of climate change. He informed the audience

that the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre had agreed that joint action with the health sector and environment was essential to improving resilience and mitigating and preventing the problem. In fact, according to Dr. Hospedales, a 10% improvement in the energy efficiency of the Region's hotels, could significantly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases, as well as improve financial performance.

Dr. Hospedales reminded those in attendance of the additional issue of the health and wellbeing of the tourism workforce and preventable costly epidemics of overweight and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) affecting the entire work force. He pointed out that high levels of overweight and obesity, hypertension and diabetes, are prevalent among the staff and decrease productivity and increase health costs. Dr. Hospedales added that the tourism workforce health and wellness component of the programme will be led by the Caribbean Tourism Organization, with support from CARPHA.

Sustainable Tourism Product Specialist at CTO, Gail Henry, further

emphasized the need for risk and crisis management to ensure that potential issues, such as the spread of diseases, are minimized and that enhanced surveillance and responsible reporting of diseases was encouraged.

CARPHA's Tourism and Health Programme Coordinator, Dr. Lisa Indar, outlined the objectives of the Programme, including awareness raising for intersectoral and interagency collaboration, partnerships for addressing tourism and health as a joint priority, food safety and environmental management training and certification, public health surveillance and response systems and developing a healthy tourism workforce.

CARPHA and CTO are confident that this Tourism and Health Programme will result in triple bottom-line returns: in health, by having fewer and less costly outbreaks; in environment, by improving beach water quality and reducing the impact of climate change; and, in the economy by reducing costs and improving productivity of the tourism workforce.



ENTERTAINMENT

Here's How 'Thor: The Dark World' Looks Without Visual Effects

Along with top-grossing animated picture "Frozen," "Thor: The Dark World" just helped Disney have its best quarter at the company ever.

The film has made more than \$644.8 million worldwide and continues

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It took a series of VFX companies — Blur Studio, The Third Floor, Luma Pictures, Method Studios, and Double Negative — to bring the film to life.

Many of the studios have released videos breaking down exactly how the movie was made.

A lot of blue and green doubles for everything from Thor's beautiful home of Asgard to big-action sequences.



Fox Brutally Cancels Seth MacFarlane's 'Dads' And 2 Other Comedies



California - Fox cleaned their comedy slate late Wednesday, announcing the cancellations of three freshman series: "Dads," "Enlisted," and "Surviving Jack" — making Andy Samberg's "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" the only comedy from the network's 2013-14 slate to get a renewal.

Considering the brutal reviews of Seth MacFarlane's "Dads," starring Seth Green and Giovanni Ribisi, it's not a complete surprise.

Both "Enlisted" — which drew praise for its portrayal of the pressures on families in the military — and "Surviving Jack" — which won Christopher Meloni acclaim — had okay reviews, but dismal ratings. It didn't help that both shows aired outside of Fox's Tuesday comedy block.

Fox also didn't pick up three comedy pilots the network had already spent time and money shooting. The already hyped "Patrick," "Dead Boss," and "No Place Like Home" will all be seeking, well, a new home.

The network is still deciding the fate of comedy pilots "Cabot College" (from Tina Fey) and the Justin Long starrer "Sober Companion."

So far, Fox has given series greenlights to four new comedies: Seth MacFarlane's animated "Bordertown," an ensemble cast show from "SNL" vet John Mulaney, "Weird Loners" about a group of commitment-phobic people who wind up living in the same apartment building, and "Last Man on Earth," starring Will Forte.

PHOTO ALBUM OF LOOTED NAZI ART GIVEN TO US ARCHIVE

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A photo album depicting troves of precious art works looted by the Nazis during World War II was donated Thursday to the National Archives, America's repository of historical artifacts.

The album is one of 39 "Hitler albums" -- essentially a catalogue of art confiscated by troops operating under orders from Der Fuehrer.

The book contains photos of looted paintings and other cultural artifacts swiped from France, which was recovered from one of Hitler's homes.

The album was given to the National Archives at a ceremony that fell on the anniversary of the war's end in Europe.

The event was attended by Harry Ettlinger, 88, one of six surviving soldiers from a US army unit tasked with recovering thousands of art works confiscated by the Nazis.

The album was donated to the National Archives by the "Monuments Men" Foundation, whose mission is to disseminate the story about the lost works of art and the Allied soldiers who helped recover them.

The photo albums served as important evidence of Nazi crimes, and were used at war trials to show the extent of pillaging and looting carried out by the Nazis during the war.



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Rice or wheat? How grains define cultural identity

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Ever wondered why cultures can be so different, with Westerners more focused on the individual than people in the East?

Psychologists said Thursday that the divide

may come down to which crops are historically farmed in different regions.

This "rice theory," described in the journal *Science*, holds that people who traditionally grow paddy rice become more collective and holistic over time because of the intense labor involved and the need for cooperation among neighbors.

In contrast, those who live in regions that grow wheat think more independently and analytically, in large part because the crop requires half the labor and not nearly the same need for cooperation as rice, researchers argued.

"We propose that the rice theory can partly explain East-West differences," said the study led by Thomas Talhelm, a University of Virginia doctoral student in cultural psychology.

Since a host of differences exist between cultures across the world and could be linked to religion, politics, climate or technology, researchers decided to narrow their focus to China, where the Yangtze River roughly divides the wheat-growing north from the rice-growing south.

Researchers tested 1,162 Han Chinese -- China's majority -- students from six different locations using measures of cultural thought, implicit individualism and loyalty or nepotism.

Some tasks involved picking two related objects from a basic diagram of a person's social circle; and dealing with friends versus strangers in a business transaction.

They found that people in rice-growing regions tended to choose more abstract pairings, while people from wheat cultures tended to pick more analytical pairs.

People from rice-growing regions tended to draw themselves smaller than wheat-region people when constructing diagrams of social networks, suggesting wheat people saw themselves as more important than others.

Those from rice provinces were also more likely to reward their friends and less likely to punish them, showing how the ties within the group prevailed in social and business interactions.

"It's easy to think of China as a single culture, but we found that China has very distinct northern and southern psychological cultures and that southern China's history of rice farming can explain why people in southern China are more interdependent than people in the wheat-growing north," said Talhelm.

He said he first noticed differences in outlook and attitude while studying in China for several years from 2007.

Co-authors on the study came from Beijing Normal University, South China Normal University, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The study also found evidence that more successful patents for inventions came from areas where less rice was grown, signaling a potential link between wheat growing and innovation.

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ECONOMY

Crisis tax does not break int'l. law, says court in The Hague

THE HAGUE -- The government is within its rights to impose an extra tax on high earners and is not breaking international treaties, a court in The Hague ruled yesterday.

A number of employers, including football club Feyenoord, took legal action against the government for making it pay an extra tax on high earners' salaries for a second year.

In 2012 all employers had to pay a one-off 'crisis tax' of 16% on the salaries of staff earning more than €150,000 a year. Then

last year, the government said it would impose the 'one-off' tax for a second time.

Employers are particularly angry that the tax is applied retroactively. Financial experts had said the legal case had a good chance of succeeding because it was approved after companies had paid out their 2012 bonuses. This, they said, conflicts with European law.

The tax generates some €628m which the government used to reduce the budget deficit.

Budget of 2014 & 2015 will be presented almost simultaneously

The intention is to handle all budget together

Oranjestad, Aruba: There is currently no meeting in the parliament of Aruba. Nevertheless, Marisol Lopez Tromp, President of the Parliament, acknowledge that the agenda of everybody is pretty busy and that they are waiting to receive the budget. The budget of the Parliament is at the Advisory Board and will be received in a couple of weeks.

The general monetary budget is also at the Advisory Board and will be handled in the Parliament soon. "The budget for the Advisory Board itself is really important since their assistance is a vital one. The parliament is also pending for their budget since they did not receive any budget from Land Aruba" explained the Parliament President.

Nevertheless, Minister of Economy is regularly presented commission in all meetings to give in-

formation about the financial state of Aruba and also what to expect during the upcoming months in 2014. The president of the Parliament does not know if the budget is already stipulated but the duty of the Minister of Economy is to present this to the Parliament in which every minister should present to him their management plan.

"The moment that the Minister of Economy presents the budget with the assistance of Financial Commission we will have a final view where the money of our community goes. It is important to have a clear view of the budget for the year of 2014 but also of 2015, which will be presented almost at the same time. The focus is to handle all the ministries together with the parliamentarians to take advantage of the questions and answers that the Minister will talk during these meetings," concluded Mrs. Lopez Tromp.

Dutch workforce ranks highly in major skill sets

THE HAGUE -- The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) Survey of Adult Skills found that Dutch adults ages 16-65 ranked in the top four populations worldwide in literacy, numeracy, and problem solving in technology-rich environments.

The survey included 24 countries worldwide, and examined how certain skills are used in the workplace.

It explored the connection between economic development and utilization of skills, as well as how improved employment prospects affect quality of life.

"Learning does not stop at school," said OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría at the report's

launch.

"Governments, businesses and people can and must continue investing in skills throughout life."

The Netherlands ranked third worldwide in literacy and problem solving in technology-rich environments, which measures computer and internet communications technology skills. It ranked fourth for numeracy skills.

ECB prepares way for further policy move next month

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Central Bank held its key rates steady Thursday, but president Mario Draghi gave a strong hint that the bank is ready to act next month to avert looming deflation.

At its monthly meeting, held in Brussels this time instead of the usual venue of Frankfurt, the ECB's governing council kept the key interest rate at the current all-time low of 0.25 percent for the seventh month in a row.

The announcement sent the euro spiking to its highest level in two and a half years.

Draghi explained that all the available information pointed the eurozone's current modest recovery would continue.

However, the stubbornly low level of inflation in the single currency

area is fuelling fears of possible deflation, a destructive downward spiral of falling prices.

Until now, the ECB has always insisted it sees no such dangers.

But in a surprise departure from the bank's previous policy of never pre-committing on interest rate moves, Draghi said the decision-making body was now sufficiently concerned to take more action.

The governing council was "dissatisfied" with the current path of inflation and was "not prepared to accept it as a fact of nature," Draghi said. As a result, the governing council "is comfortable with acting next time," he said.

The ECB is scheduled to publish its latest updated growth and inflation forecasts next month.



UNITED KINGDOM, London : A picture shows the Barclays Bank headquarters in Canary Wharf, east London, on May 8, 2014. Scandal-hit Barclays said it will shrink its investment bank unit as part of plans to axe 19,000 jobs across the entire group over the next two years. (AFP PHOTO)

INDONESIA, PURWAKARTA : The newly launch Datsun Go+ is displayed at it's newly inaugurated new Nissan plant in Purwakarta, West Java province on May 8, 2014. According to Nissan, the inauguration of its newest Nissan manufacturing facility dedicated to the production of Datsun cars for Indonesia, will boost their local production from 100,000 units per year to 250,000 as part of the expansion campaign by the Japanese automotive giant to become a leading brand in the Southeast Asia's biggest economy.



(AFP PHOTO)

ECONOMY

GOLD COAST

This is the time to invest

Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best

beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of

kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast recently became affiliated with Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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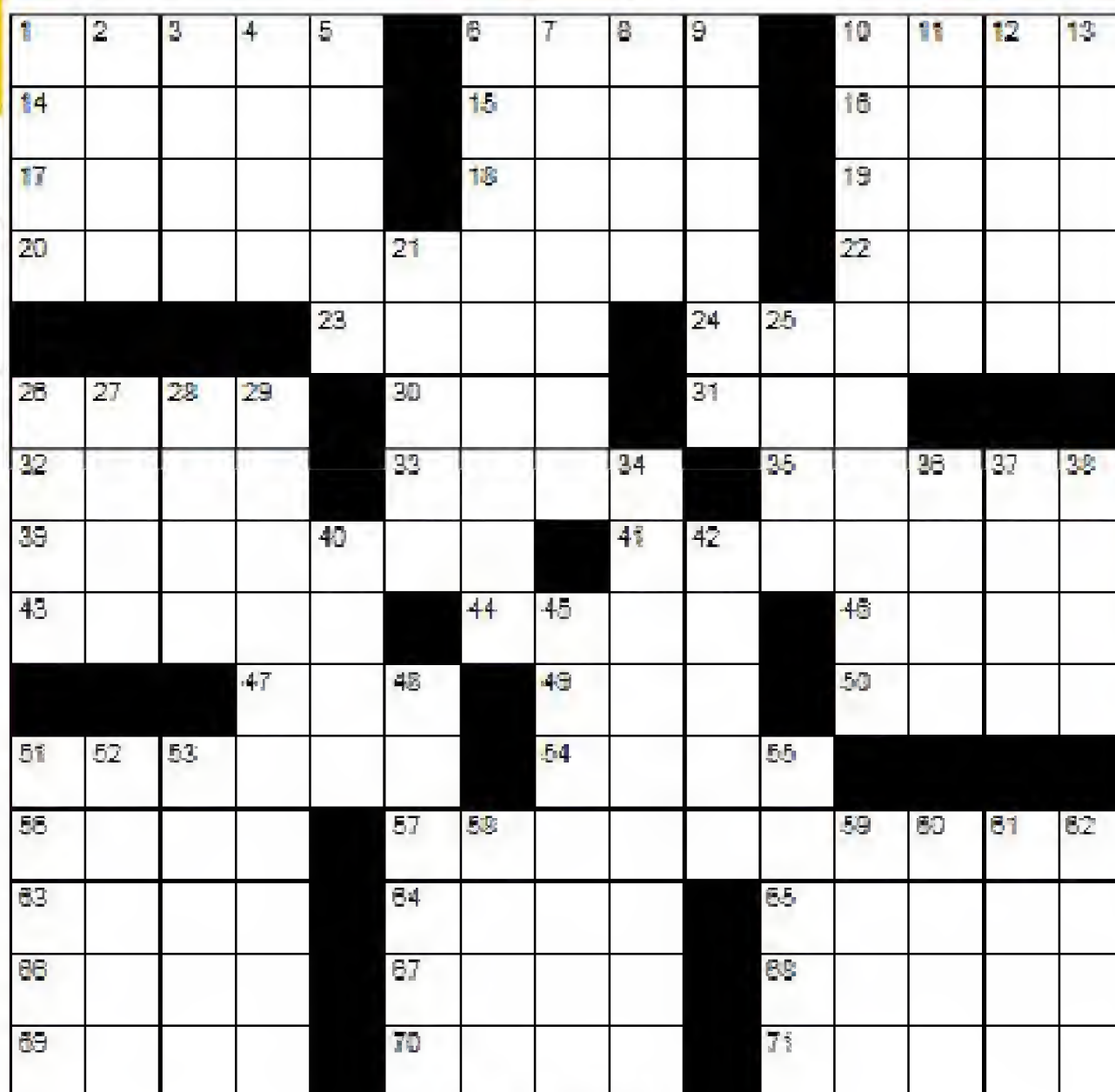
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SPORTS

Brazil World Cup claims eighth victim as worker electrocuted

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A worker died Thursday at a World Cup stadium in Brazil after he was electrocuted, an official source told AFP, the eighth fatality during chaotic preparations for the footballing showpiece.

The 32-year-old father-of-two was installing lighting in a corridor at the new Pantanal Arena in Cuiaba when he suffered the electric shock. He died despite attempts by emergency services at the scene.

A spokesman for the regional World Cup secretariat told AFP work to finish the 43,000-capacity venue in central-western Brazil would continue, with the World Cup five weeks away.

The stadium, which has been running behind schedule but is due to be inaugurated on May 18, will host four matches, starting with Chile versus Australia on June 13.

Sports minister Aldo Rebelo said in a statement he was saddened at the death of Mohamed Ali Maciel Afonso and sent condolences to the family.

A series of fatal accidents have marred preparations for the June 12-July 13 tournament in 12 cities across Brazil.



Three workers died in the Arena Amazonia in the city of Manaus, and three other fatalities occurred at Sao Paulo's much-delayed Corinthians Arena, which hosts the opening match between Brazil and Croatia on June 12.

There was a further death at the new stadium in the capital Brasilia in 2012.

Brazil has been racing against the clock to complete preparations, not only at stadiums but also in terms of transport links and ageing airports.

Half of the 12 stadiums missed a December 31 FIFA deadline to be ready and in addition to Cuiaba, Sao Paulo, Curitiba and Porto Alegre are also yet to be completed.

FIFA, world football's governing body, has repeatedly decried the hosts' "last-minute" approach but says the stadiums will be ready by the time the action starts.

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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49 (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings,

(mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night;

delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



SPORTS

Football: Villarreal should face 'heavier' sanction for banana slur

MADRID, May 8, 2014 (AFP) - The Spanish government on Thursday demanded Villarreal face a heavier punishment after a fan threw a banana at Barcelona star Dani Alves.

Spanish football authorities fined Villarreal 12,000 euros (\$17,000) on Wednesday but the interior ministry's anti-violence commission said it will appeal that decision.

"The sanction taken by the Spanish football federation (RFEF) must be reviewed given the seriousness of the facts," said a commission spokesman.

Earlier on Thursday, Villarreal were hit by a second fine of 6,000 euros and the supporter was banned for two years. The anti-violence commission also decided to meet as soon as possible "to conduct an in-depth discussion having noted an increase in the seriousness of racist incidents at football grounds".

International outrage erupted after the banana landed on the pitch near 30-year-old Alves during the league clash at Villarreal's El Madrigal stadium on April 27.

Brazilian star Alves won praise for nonchalantly picking up the banana and taking a bite before setting up a goal to help Barcelona come from behind to seal a 3-2 victory.

"I have been in Spain 11 years and it has been the same for 11 years. You have to laugh at these backward people," Alves said after the game.

The club had already received a warning from the disciplinary body in February over fans' behaviour after a smoke bomb was thrown on the pitch causing the team's stadium to be evacuated. A week after the Alves incident, Pape Diop, a 28-year-old Senegalese player for Liga side Levante, reacted by dancing when he was targeted by monkey chants during his side's 2-0 victory over Atletico Madrid.



Rallying: Rally of Argentina standings

CÓRDOBA (AFP) - Rally of Argentina standings on Thursday after the opening super-special stage:

1. Sebastien Ogier (FRA/Volkswagen Polo-R) 4:51.07sec,
2. Mads Ostberg (NOR/Citroen DS3) 4:54.7,
3. Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR/Volkswagen Polo-R) 4:55.2,
4. Mikko Hirvonen (FIN/Ford Fiesta RS) 4:55.8,
5. Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN/Volkswagen Polo-R) 4:55.9,
6. Thierry Neuville (BEL/Hyundai i20) 4:57.1,
7. Dani Sordo (ESP/Hyundai i20) 4:58.9,
8. Kris Meeke (GBR/Citroen DS3) 5:01.0,
9. Jari Ketomaa (FIN/Ford Fiesta RS) 5:01.2,
10. Nicolas Fuchs (PER/Ford Fiesta RRC S2000) 5:01.8

Tennis: Federer will play French Open, says agent



PARIS (AFP) - Roger Federer will take part in the French Open despite earlier suggesting he may take time out to be with wife Mirka, who gave birth to the couple's second set of twins this week.

Federer's agent, Tony Godsick, told www.ATPworldtour.com that the Swiss intends to feature at the French Open, which starts at Roland Garros in Paris on May 25, where he would stretch his consecutive run of Grand Slam events to 58.

"Roger plans on playing Roland Garros and he will make a decision at the last minute if he will play Rome (next week) depending on how everything is going with his family," said Godsick.

Mirka Federer gave birth to sons Leo and Lenny on Tuesday. The couple already have twin girls, Myla Rose and Charlene Ri, who will be five in July.

Federer, 32, has played in a record 57 consecutive Grand Slam tournaments, this past January eclipsing the mark previously set by Wayne Ferreira in 2003.


He will be making his 16th straight appearance at the French Open, where he won the title in 2009 to complete a career Slam.

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Football: Ferdinand plans to play on next season

LONDON (AFP) - Rio Ferdinand insists he has no intention of retiring even if the former England defender is forced to leave Manchester United in the close-season. Ferdinand's current contract with United expires at the end of the campaign and there has been no suggestion as yet that he will be offered a new deal after spending much of the season out of favour with boss David Moyes, who was sacked last month.

"The club at the moment is in a position where they can't really make any decisions about anything."

Real Madrid named most valuable football team ahead of

REPORT - Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid will go head-to-head later this month to decide which football club is the finest in Europe but, when it comes to the bottom line, there is only one winner.

The city rivals will battle it out in

the Champions League final on May 24 in Lisbon, but Atletico look to have their work cut out given the financial disparity between the two clubs.

Nine-time champions of Europe Real top a Forbes list of the world's most valuable football teams, with Los Blancos reportedly worth \$3.44 billion.

The Santiago Bernabeu stadium team, which boasts the talents of FIFA Ballon d'Or winner Cristiano Ronaldo, posted a revenue of \$675 million for 2012-13, with an operating income of \$172m.

In contrast, Atletico is way down the the financial pecking order, with Forbes ranking Atletico 17th, valuing Los Rojiblancos at \$328m.

Even so Atletico are punching above their weight in the Spanish league title and with two matches to go, Diego Simeone's Atletico team is top of the table -- three points ahead of second-placed Barcelona and four points clear of Real in third.

Atletico have surprised many with an impressive run to the final of Europe's premier club competition -- the first time the club has reached this stage of the competition in 40 years.

Barcelona are ranked second by Forbes, valued at \$3.28 billion, with Manchester United worth an estimated \$2.81 billion in third spot.

Current European and German champions Bayern Munich are next on the lists with a valuation of \$1.85 billion, with London club Arsenal (\$1.33 billion)

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